



National Monument Manager's Update for April 2003

National Monument Management Plan

Thanks to a great deal of hard work by many folks and the leadership of the National Monument's Community Planner, Connell Dunning, the Draft Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Plan has hit the streets. For further information please click onto: http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/santarosa/management_plan.html The public comment period will close on June the 19th. The National Monument staff will be hosting a series of public comment meetings in April at the following locations and times:

Tuesday, April 22 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Idyllwild Townhall
25925 Cedar Street
Idyllwild, CA 92549

Thursday, April 24 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Pinyon Elks Mountain Retreat (off of Highway 74, behind Cactus Spring Trailhead)
69-950 Elk Trail
Mountain Center, CA 92561

Tuesday, April 29 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Palm Desert Council Chambers
73-510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

In the Field and At the Highway 74 Visitor Center

Several great events are planned at the Visitor Center in April.

On April 19th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, legendary horseman and good guy Mr. Frank Bogart will be signing *Palm Springs, the First One Hundred Years*. This book has just been released. Starbucks Green Team will be providing coffee and the Desert Mice desert-landscaping group will be painting the local surroundings.

On April 22nd, Earth Day, we will have numerous activities beginning at 9:00 am. Please come and join Monument Staff Tracy Leigler, Pam Hansen, Bonnie Adkins, Dave Korzilius and Connell Dunning to celebrate.

A variety of activities have been scheduled for the month of April with a focus on desert landscaping and conservation of our precious water resource as well as providing native habitat for the fauna and the flora. Please call the Visitor Center at 760-862-9984 for further information. It has been a fantastic spring for wildflowers in our desert canyons.

Happy Trails,
Danella George
National Monument Manager